

# Comments on AO 2011-23



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11/09/2011 12:29 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Office of the Commission Secretary,

I am writing to request that you use the most restrictive language possible when clarifying the law on the ability of Super PACs to coordinate with political candidates through so-called "issue ads." It does not take much of a stretch of the imagination to see how your regulation that Super PACs not coordinate with political campaigns could be rendered hollow by clever wording within an "issue ad" or mere framing of the advertisement as such. Please, I think that this rule regarding Super PACs is vitally important, so please do not allow it to be easily circumvented.

Please, please recognize that this is a very real possibility and what kind of door would be left open by not issuing a forceful and specific advisory opinion about the demarcation between "issue ads" and coordination with a political campaign.

Thank you for listening,  
Steven Palyca, concerned citizen

P.S. I never write to the government, but in this time when so many people view federal regulation to be either wholly unnecessary or essentially toothless, I think you have a real opportunity to show how regulation can be both smart and effective. Please do not let us down.



Judith Burlage  
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11/09/2011 12:46 AM

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To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Carl Rove's Super PAC

Please do not further erode the regulations of Super PAC donations by allowing them to coordinate with candidates in any way. I am also against corporations having the same rights as people and believe it is not in the spirit that our Constitution was written & intended.

Judith Burlage



Susan Landgraff  
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To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Public Comment on AOR 2011-23



**Americans For A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow**

November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Tomorrow  
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committee.  
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This message was intended for: [susanlandgraff@gmail.com](mailto:susanlandgraff@gmail.com)  
You were added to the system August 6, 2011. For more information  
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11/09/2011 12:57 AM

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**Brian Face**  
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11/09/2011 01:06 AM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**  
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Subject **Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23)**

I agree with the Nebraskan Democrats and Karl Rove that there is a clear legal, though not plainly intuitive, distinction between Issue Politics and political endorsement in instances where a political candidate is prominently featured during an Issue Politic advertisement. Issue politics are too vital a component of American free speech to be forcibly constrained by frivolous potential overlaps with political campaigns. Who better to represent these Issues before the American people if not those most directly connected to those Issues' biggest proponents, lobbyists? And who has better connections with lobbyists than current political candidates? As the embodiments of the issues themselves, it is only logical that Americans would have these candidates represent these issues on their behalf, and in accordance with the First Amendment, we therefore must afford political candidates the absolute fullest latitude possible in working with PAC's and Super PAC's on matters of Issue Politicking.

For that matter, PAC's and Super PAC's cannot afford to and should no longer be shackled with burdensome legal questions of campaign finance ethics- which legal questions unfairly impede First Amendment rights by syphoning free speech dollars from American corporation-people donors away from their intended usages (such as raising awareness about Issue Politics) and toward research in matters of legal ethics, the hiring of public relations firms, and the various costs associated with opinion requests such as this one. This is a clear and egregious imposition on the free speech of Americans everywhere.

The Federal Election Commission should take further steps to remove the remaining stigma surrounding ambiguous campaign finance spending, and they should do so today.

Patriot,  
Brian Face





Jamie Mather  
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11/09/2011 01:18 AM

To secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request

Mr. Secretary:

Political Action Committees are designed to open up the democratic process by enabling individuals to donate money to causes they care about. Unfortunately, these PACs today operate as money-funnels for large donors to anonymously support political candidates of their choice.

Because of the very wide discrepancy in funds an individuals may donate (note that individuals in this sense also refers to corporations), many causes, including campaigns for public officials, end up being decided by who can pander to the more financially generous interests. This is a decidedly undemocratic process disguised in populist garb.

Karl Rove's recent Opinion Request on the regulation pertaining to a PAC's ability to coordinate with political campaigns takes the this undemocratic process one step further. Should a PAC be able to coordinate directly with a campaign, the PAC would become yet another arm of the campaign--just a fundraiser. However, the other concern is that the candidate would become an arm of the PAC, and through it, the large donors. Thus, candidates would basically be directly sponsored by certain interests that would not necessarily represent the will of the larger population.

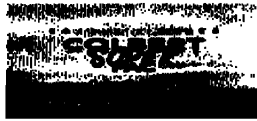
Please state in no uncertain terms that PACs and Super PACs MAY NOT coordinate directly with political campaigns as this would ruin the democratic process and is anathema to the principles this nation was found on.

Jamie Mather  
San Luis Obispo, California



Barry Tucker  
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11/09/2011 01:38 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Dear Secretary Werth:



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November 6, 2011

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**Anthony Cline**  
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**11/09/2011 01:40 AM**

**To** **Secretary@FEC.gov**  
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**Subject** **AOR 2011-23 Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion**

**To the Secretary of the FEC,**

**This is to go with the Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion ( AOR 2011-23) My Name is Anthony Cline of Sandwich, Illinois and I approve this Email on the fact that I am a American and Part of The Colbert Super Pac Nation, and on Public Record, I believe this country is not what are founding fathers would have wanted, and when a nation of country's can stand together.**  
**Anthony Cline-11/9/2011**



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11/09/2011 01:48 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject American Crossroads

The network channels here are already filled with borderline propaganda from Karl Rove's Super PAC a year before the election. The Supreme Court decided that Corporations can buy candidates through these Super PACs as it is; do we really need to make it easier for them to circumvent real democracy in this country?



Molly Newman  
<tomolly@sbcglobal.net>  
11/09/2011 02:02 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
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Subject DENY Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23)

Dear Secretary of the Federal Election Commission,

Please save our Democracy. It's up to you. If you approve Karl Rove's request, our electoral system will be ruled by money, not the will of the people. Stop the madness -- deny Karl Rove's Opinion Request AOR 2011-23.

best regards,

Molly Newman



Cheryl Burns  
<cherylk127@sbcglobal.net>  
11/09/2011 02:00 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Regarding AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth:

I'm writing as a concerned citizen. I am aware of Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23). I believe that if his opinion is granted it would strip away the one regulation governing the extent to which Super PACs can influence elections. I'll not burden you with my opinions on Super PACs in general, but to grant this request would be to remove one of the last barriers to our electoral process simply being sold to the highest bidder. The regulation against coordinating with a candidate may be flimsy, but it must be maintained. It is in the interest of the American people and the democratic process to deny the request against allowing for greater "coordination" between Super PACs and candidates.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Burns, MS, LPC





**Michael McCarthy**  
<michaelmccarthy@rowlandh  
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11/09/2011 02:28 AM

To secretary@fec.gov

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Subject the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal  
Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a  
revised version on October 28, 2011 by American  
Crossroads

I believe this nations voters will be able to better help a long discriminated against group of people -- the corporations -- if independent expenditure-only PACs become less restricted. If you choose to continue to oppress the corporations of this nation, you will be further inhibiting their ability to influence our government (a government that is for the people, and by the people). Please do what is right for this nation.

Sincerely,  
Michael McCarthy



"Richard Gain"  
<rgain@jestersplayhouse.com  
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To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Please respond to  
rgain@jestersplayhouse.com

Subject Agreement with Colbert PAC statement

As a non-disclosed supporter of the Colbert Super PAC and the canned ham known as Carl Rove, I would like to forward the information below as a show of support for the policies that allow unrestricted donations by corporations to directly coordinate with candidates running for office as our founding fathers clearly wanted, when they allowed corporations to vote and pursue happiness (and buy happiness through paying to elect candidates) in the lesser known appendix to the constitution. Clearly as said in the following statement, directly coordinating with a candidate does in no way violate the rules for PAC's against directly coordinating with a candidate. It would be absurd to imply otherwise.

Thank you,

Undisclosed donator to Colbert Super PAC

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry



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11/09/2011 02:42 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject AOR 2011-23

Buying our democracy for the win.

Sent from my iPod



"David Hamilton"  
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To <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion

November 8, 2011

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Sincerely,

David B. Hamilton  
U.S. Citizen



Jed Reitter  
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To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Request for Reasonable Super PAC Representation and Transparency of Process

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As a proud U.S. Citizen struggling to even pay my taxes for last year, I ask you sir to please return some sanity and reason to American electoral politics, and to at the very least make public and transparent the obvious coordinated communications between Super PACs and 501(c)(4) groups. To do anything less simply invites more mockery from Americans and foreigners hoping to find some democratic, representative example here in America.

Sincerely yours,

Jed Reitter  
[jed@reitter.com](mailto:jed@reitter.com)



Ivo Gatzinski  
<ivogatzinski@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 04:05 AM

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To Secretary@FEC.gov

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bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth,

As a biological human, a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, and a private person, I would like to comment publicly in support of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request to the Federal Election Commission (cf. AOR 2011-23).

This electronic opinion is neither coordinated with (nor sharing any consensual pleasure with) Colbert Super Pac (Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.)

Sincerely yours,

Ivo Gatzinski



Alex Criss  
<acriss436@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 05:28 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

November 9, 2011

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Subject Carl Rove request

To wh,om it may concern :

With regard to AOP 211-23. This is, of course, preposterous. Mr. Rove has again tried to circumvent the law and, if given this leeway, will open up a whole new brand of deception and law bare any claim that the election is fair. Please deny his redquest, even though he will ignore your ruling.

Joe Tierno  
Utica, NY Member of the Colbert Super Pac

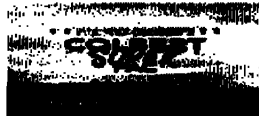


"Steve Seaman"  
<sseaman@compufort.com>  
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To <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
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Subject Public Comment Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

Thank you for reading this as part of the record

Regarding the request of American Crossroads Super Pac AOR 2011-23, .....I am in favor of unco-ordinated coordination in allowing candidates to pretend that they are appearing in a non political ad.. Who wouldn't be.

I'm also in favor military intelligence.

Look, if it looks like political advertising co-ordination and it tastes like political advertising coordination and it smells like political advertising coordination, why should we think it is political advertising coordination.

Good thing we didn't step in it.

Thank you and keep up the good work

Larry Jacobs

Citizen

Member Americans for a Better Tomorrow Tomorrow



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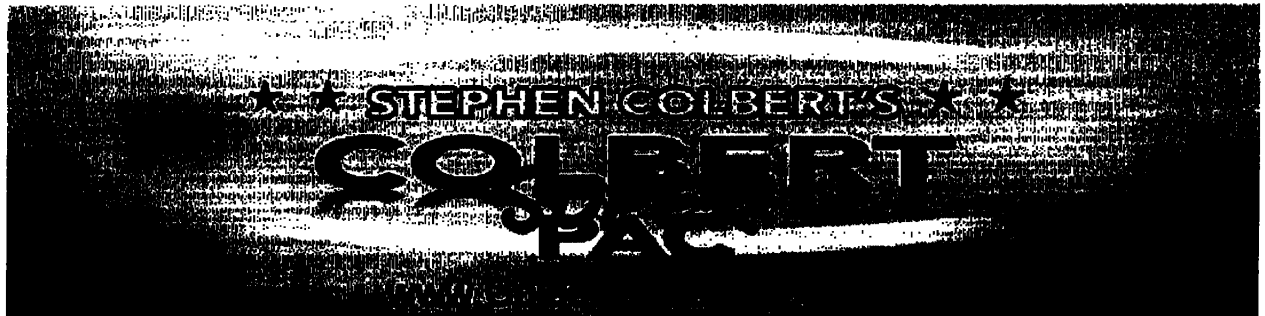
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Regards,

*DBourrie*

Enclosure



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ANTHONY UHLICH  
<tony@swanpondpartners.co  
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11/09/2011 03:01 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject issue ads

Dear FEC ineffectual administrators,

Whatever Karl Rove wants he should get. As a contributor to the Colbert Super Pac, I expect you will rule in Rove's favor anyway because I'm sure that on the side he has offered you a lucrative, do-nothing job after your stint at the FECKless Election Commission.

Regulatory Capture is coming to a phone app near you soon.

I realize that highly coordinated, uncoordinated issue ads is an oxymoron, but Karl gave us "compassionate conservative". Who better deserves perversion of the feckless rules than Karl Rove?

There are many of us who firmly believe that Buckley is a far greater danger to the country than Roe.

In light of what is happening in Mississippi with regards to life beginning when a sperm meets an egg, Buckley seems to confer free speech on paper once the ink meets it at the mint. I've never noticed an Op-Ed section on a dollar bill.

Anthony J. Uhlich

Newly Gerrymandered 8th Dist., IL



**Bryan Reza**  
<bryan.reza@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 02:39 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
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Subject Stephen Colbert

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Dustin Luke Nelson  
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11/09/2011 02:30 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Karl Rove

I'm sure you've got a ton of these by now, but I think this is totally inappropriate that we've already let corporations more blatantly buy our elections. Allowing the kind of blatant skirting of the rules that is involved in allowing candidates to appear in commercials financed by PACs. But, thanks to Stephen Colbert's coverage of the issue, I'll be paying attention to this as it progresses and will continue to write my congressman and you and do whatever I can to make sure that fairness is brought back to elections so that special interests, large corporations, and lobbyists quit buying our elections.

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Dustin Luke Nelson

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Claudia  
<wolfgangcrew@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 02:35 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Crossroads GPS Request

Dear Secretary,

I oppose the request currently being considered by the FEC regarding Crossroads GPS. How much longer will these Super Pacs be allowed to hide donors and pay candidates to appear in their ads. Crossroads GPS under the Karl Rove leadership distorts the truth, is unethical and unprofessional. Why do you continue to allow this activity? Hasn't The Colbert Report exposed enough of this lunacy? Shame on you for even considering approving their request. When is enough enough?

Claudia Wolfgang

Sent from my iPad





LA B  
<la.bslkuye@gmail.com>  
11/08/2011 11:03 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Public Comment

Really, full reign to buy elections? wow. that'll get you into the history books. If history books are allowed by the next person to buy their way into office!

L.A. Bunte



**Matthew Lizotte**  
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**Sent by:**  
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**To** **Secretary@FEC.gov**  
**cc**  
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**Subject** **Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request**

**11/08/2011 10:26 PM**

**Dear FEC,**

**The current public sentiment is to keep corporate dollars out of government. Anything you can do to obstruct Karl Rove from getting more corporate money into the election process would be in stride with the will of the people.**

**Sincerely,**

**Concerned Citizen**



joetrip@aol.com  
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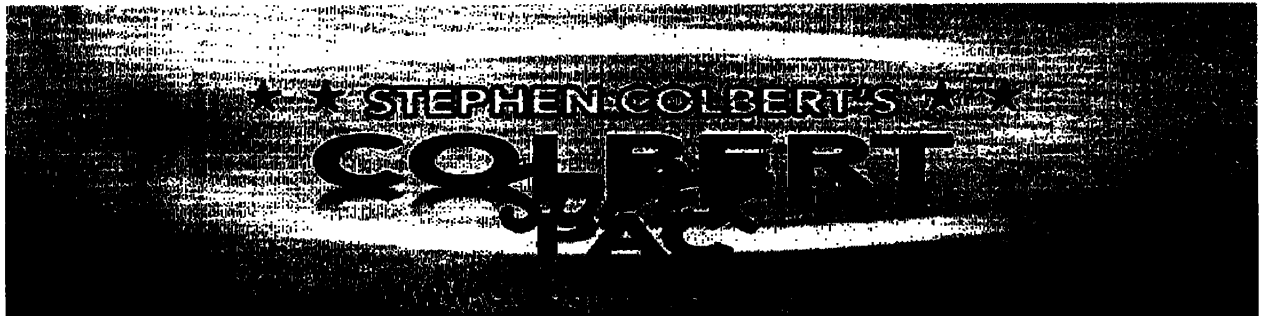
To Secretary@FEC.gov  
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Subject Fwd: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

Ok, this has made you guys look really silly, stupid and corrupt.  
Wake up, have some courage, and do the right thing re: defining Non-Coordinated campaigns of SuperPacs, and bring them into the world of reality. Maybe then your children will stop laughing behind your back. Then again, who knows you better than your own loud-mouthed kids?

Fondly,  
Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Colbert Super PAC <info@colbertsuperpac.com>  
To: joetrip <joetrip@aol.com>  
Sent: Tue, Nov 8, 2011 11:51 pm  
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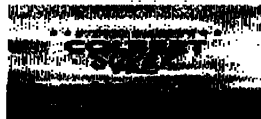
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Florence Goshdigian  
<fbgosh@att.net>  
11/09/2011 06:55 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Super PAC

I hope you will keep current restrictions on Super PACS and not make the situation worse.

Thank you,  
Florence Goshdigian



**"sareid@comcast.net"**  
**<sareid@comcast.net>**  
**11/09/2011 06:14 AM**

**To** Secretary@FEC.gov  
**cc**  
**bcc**  
**Subject** PAC Campaign Funds

**Good morning,**

**I'm writing this email in regards to PAC Funds and political campaigns. I'm sure you're getting a lot of email s today about this.**

**There is no reason to have PAC's but since they do exist you may as well try to put some oversight on them.**

**Good job.**

**Sean Reid**





**Gary Burke**  
**<burke8997@gmail.com>**  
11/09/2011 12:46 AM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**  
cc  
bcc  
Subject **Karl Rove wants to buy the Government**

and he has the pals to do it.



**lavenderturtle@comcast.net**

**11/09/2011 12:58 AM**

**To Secretary@FEC.gov**

**cc**

**bcc**

**Subject WTF**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**I like so so so so manny Americans think that you and your Over Lord Karl Rove should make a fist and direct twords their own face punch and repeat.**

**Patsy Hatton**



**"Gabrielle Weeks"**  
**<gabrielle@workwithweeks.c**  
**om>**

**11/09/2011 01:44 AM**

**To <Secretary@FEC.gov>**

**cc**

**bcc**

**Subject We've got your back. Because we're looking over your**  
**shoulder.**

**I want the FEC and Karl Rove know: We've got your back. Because we're looking over your**  
**shoulder.**

**Gabrielle**



Denise and Tom Lane  
<tmdil1979@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 02:09 AM

Please respond to  
Denise and Tom Lane  
<tmdil1979@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject

rove=yuck



Justin McGilvery  
<jmcgil4684@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 09:48 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Colbert

Shady dealings people!



Cleopatra Jones  
<tara77h@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 09:55 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject AOR 2011-23

We are looking over Karl Rove's shoulder.



Sheila Gladney  
<mtholly481@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 09:43 AM

Please respond to  
Sheila Gladney  
<mtholly481@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

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Subject

I agree with Stephen Colbert, we've got your back because we are definitely looking over your shoulder!



"mgkondelis@yahoo.com"  
<mgkondelis@yahoo.com>  
11/09/2011 03:42 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject American crossroads

**Please do not allow for coordination by american crossroads or any other super pac to work directly with campaigns. Please keep some regulation designed to prevent corruption in elections (however feeble that regulation may be) in place if only for the sake of keeping up appearances.**

**Sent from my HTC**





dbobsnodgrass1@comcast.net

11/09/2011 05:48 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject PACs

Colbert Report: Colbert Super PAC Ad - Undaunted Non-Coordination and approved by Buddy Roemer:  
<http://on.cc.com/vMpkRI>



the Carl family  
<thecarlfamily@me.com>  
11/09/2011 05:53 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject American Crossroads PAC

In my opinion, "Super PACs" should not be allowed at all.



"stephan.com"  
<stephancom@gmail.com>  
11/08/2011 11:34 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
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Subject Fwd: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

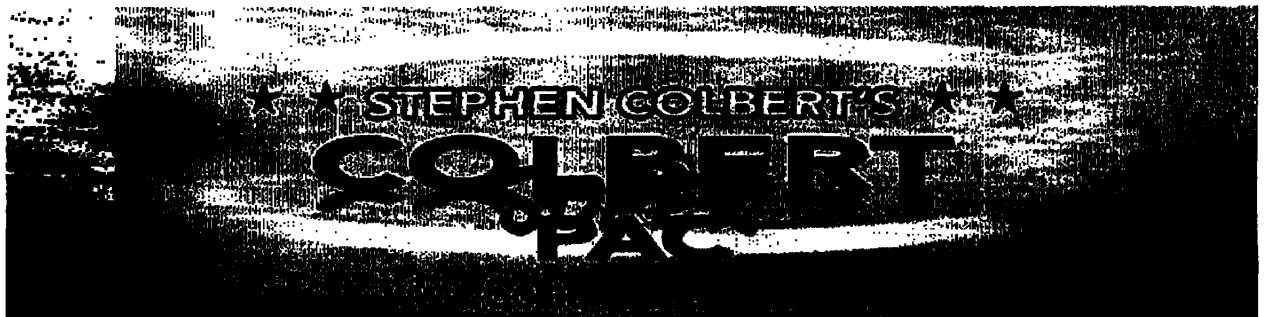
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**From:** "Colbert Super PAC" <[info@colbertsuperpac.com](mailto:info@colbertsuperpac.com)>  
**Date:** November 8, 2011 6:32:27 PM PST  
**To:** <[stephan@stephan.com](mailto:stephan@stephan.com)>  
**Subject:** Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination  
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<p>Paid for by Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. <a href="http://www.colbertsuperpac.com">www.colbertsuperpac.com</a></p>
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Craig  
<nothingissound@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 11:21 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Public Comment on AOR 2011-23

Office of the Commission Secretary,

I believe the Advisory Opinion Request AOR 2011-23 reveals the true intentions of many Super PACs. Corporations already have a significant advantage over citizens when it comes to money and speech. With your approval, those non-citizen influences will be able to further their influence by actively(as opposed to inactively) coordinating with candidates.

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Thank you and "Long live Ham Rove!"



Sam  
<allorhythmia@gmail.com>  
11/08/2011 10:57 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

November 8, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
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999 E Street, N.W.  
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Sincerely,

Sam MM





Rebecca  
<rebecca\_jd@yahoo.com>  
11/08/2011 10:42 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Karl Rove's Opinion Request

Please tell me you see through the sham that is Karl Rove's request. It's blatantly obvious that he's in collusion with the Republican candidates he's supporting. For once, stand up to the idiocy that is the Republican party and it's mega-mouthed talking heads.

Sent from my iPhone



heydk13@gmail.com

11/08/2011 10:32 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

Hello Mr. Secretary,

My name is Derek and I'm a University student who is interested in politics. I have recently become aware of Super PACs and how little regulation there is on their actions. That being said, I was surprised to find that Carl Rove has recently submitted AOR 2011-23, requesting clarification on the strict standard of what is acceptable for his Super PAC to do in campaign ads. My opinions of Mr. Rove aside (I don't care for him very much) I feel that allowing candidates to participate in "issue ads" gives them an unfair advantage, as it introduces the viewers to an issue and then have their choice of candidate appear in the ad stating how to fix the issue. This of course only puts across the message that there is a large problem that exists that isn't being taken care of, and that the candidate THEY (by they I mean the very wealthy donors who are completely anonymous) decide to cast in their commercial will have the answer. I feel that this is especially uncouth as I believe most Americans do not properly research issues or candidates before they decide on who to vote for and a system that allows completely anonymous donors to pay money to strategists to plan campaign ads to get candidates they want to be elected shown to these people who will (in all fairness) vote for who ever had the best ad, but may not be the best candidate. I know I'm just one citizen in a nation of hundreds of millions, however I thank you for taking the time to read this plea. I will graduate from my University soon and will be going to OCS for the Marine corps so whoever is elected in this next election will be the Commander-In-Chief who I have to swear to follow orders of and I don't wish to have to question the orders of a President who got elected because of anonymous back room deals by groups of wealthy donors who have only their interests on not the Nation's interests in mind.

Thank you



Djrents  
<djrents@gmail.com>  
11/08/2011 10:28 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Pacs superpacs etc

Let's see if we can ruin the country by step by step removing the control of the country from the people and put it in the so called hands of the corporations (people without souls).

Thank you,

David



BayMarineSurvey  
<westail32@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 10:25 PM

Please respond to  
Jesse@baymarinesurvey.com

To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

bcc

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"joshg@alumni.brown.edu"  
<joshg@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 10:16 PM

Please respond to  
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To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

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Subject Fwd: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

**REVERSE CITIZENS UNITED! IT'S A DISGRACE TO OUR NATION HOW YOU ALLOW CORPORATIONS TO PURCHASE OUR HARD-WON ELECTORAL PROCESS AND SPEECH RIGHTS!**

----- Forwarded message -----

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**Date:** Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 9:32 PM

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Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow wholly endorses American Crossroads' Request. We hope the Commission is able to begin with the Supreme Court's definition of Non-Coordinated as "expenditures ... made totally independently of the candidate and his campaign" in *Buckley v. Valeo*, and end up with a ruling that allows outside groups to produce ads with the candidate's cooperation, themes, and message. That will prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations.

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[www.colbertsuperpac.com/undaunted-non-coordination](http://www.colbertsuperpac.com/undaunted-non-coordination).

It should be clear that there was no collusion with Governor Roemer, as he vehemently opposes and passionately questions the legality of the ad that he agreed to appear in.

If the Commission sees fit to grant these reasonable requests, Americans for a Better Tomorrow will continue to fulfill our promise to never give you up, or let you down, as detailed in our mission statement here:

<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Accordingly, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow respectfully requests the Commission's timely consideration of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request.

Super Sincerely Yours,

Stephen Colbert  
President & Maître D'  
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

Ham Rove  
Chief Strategist & Lunchmeat  
Americans for A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

PS – If the commission does not see fit to grant this request fully, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow would like to offer a compromise. To avoid the appearance of collusion, the F.E.C. could rule that candidates can appear in Super PAC ads only against their will. They'd have to be kidnapped, blindfolded, and thrown in a van before being forced to read a statement supporting their goals and then returned to their fundraisers in time for dessert.

<p>Paid for by Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. <u><a href="http://www.colbertsuperpac.com">www.colbertsuperpac.com</a></u></p>
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11/09/2011 09:14 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject COLBERT

Do not fail in judgement nor fail in courage. Take responsibility, as I have to, and walk in our shoes for a few weeks or a lifetime.



**"Marta Lehman"**  
**<Marta\_Lehman@harvard.edu>**

11/09/2011 10:15 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

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Subject Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request ( AOR 2011-23)

November 9, 2011  
Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Secretary Werth:

I submit this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads, an organization led by Republican political consultant Karl Rove.

As I understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. If granted, a favorable ruling would allow for outside groups to produce ads with the candidate's cooperation conveying his/her message thereby injecting unlimited amounts of money from unnamed sources and thus unduly influencing our election process.

I urge you to deny Mr. Rove's request.

Sincerely,  
Marta Lehman  
Salem, MA



"Carlos Perez"  
<ceperez87@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 10:18 AM

Please respond to  
ceperez87@gmail.com

To Secretary@FEC.gov, info@colbertsuperpac.com

cc

bcc

Subject Public Comment on AOR 2011-23

Dear Grossly under-appreciated FEC Secretary,

Your inclusion in the administration and oversight of federal elections for the United States establishes the basis for this email.

The supreme court, having decided that life begins at the signing of documents by lawyers and wealthy businessmen, have bestowed upon you the honor of overseeing the unlimited campaign contributions of entities seeking to further agendas of unknown origin(s). Rather than rationally limiting the power and influence of financial incentives in governance, the United States has finally released the full force of influence peddling upon federal elections.

As the arbiters for, and commission tasked with maintaining the integrity of Federal elections, I am delighted to see the FEC uphold such a free-speech-rhetoric-wielding decision. Moreover, by allowing campaign influencing money to use actual (non-superpac-cooperating) candidates to present opinionated, and potentially bankrolled, points of views on issues, the FEC would in no way be allowing the financially potent interests of some to dictate the debate on issues by waiving a well-dressed politician in front of a camera.

Since we all know that issues such as, narrowing the education deficiencies faced by American youth will in no way be overshadowed by allowing financially-motivated corporate interests to dictate how and by whom they are regulated; we can rest assured that the best interests of the United States will be well represented and allowed their proper consideration.

To this end, I join colbertsuperpac in welcoming Karl Rove's assertion that Candidates, while barred from coordinating with the unlimited campaign-influencing contributions from anonymous donors with private agendas, SHOULD be allowed to present issues to the public using said financial assets. It only makes sense.

Please add my unyielding support to the public record of AOR 2011-23. I firmly believe it will strengthen, if not the advocacy of important issues, certainly the gluttonous self-indulgent in no way corruptible apparatus for financing that advocacy.

Clearly Attentively,  
C.E. Perez



Todd Conger  
<tconger@swankav.com>  
11/09/2011 10:19 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Advisory Opinion Request

A formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads, an organization led by Republican political consultant Carl Rove.

You're kidding right???

Todd Conger



"Bushek, Joseph"  
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11/09/2011 10:20 AM

To "secretary@FEC.gov" <secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request AOR  
2011-23

November 8, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Rd: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

As a citizen of this great country I have been alarmed by the growing corruption in politics. With the creation of super pacs we are now unable to see who is providing funds to which politicians. I believe this takes our politicians away from the electorate and places them in control of the individuals whether they be people or corporations who can donate the most money. What I am trying to say is we are allowing our politicians to be bought so when they become elected they no longer do what is best for their constituents but rather what is best for those who donated the most money to their election.

As I understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original Request,

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

I do not understand how ads featuring candidates would not be candidate ads. As American Crossroads put it in their original request,

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications.'"

To me fully coordinated means coordinated communications. If we continue this path of allowing the richest citizens to buy their way into office then we will end up with a government that only cares about the wealthy and ignores every other citizen.

To summarize my comments I strongly urge you to not allow the American Crossroads request.

Thank you for your time and please continue to protect the integrity of our great country's elections.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bushek



James Trosh  
<james@trosh.com>  
Sent by: jtrosh@gmail.com

11/09/2011 10:22 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject RE: AOR 2011-23

Good morning Mr Secretary

I am writing in regarding to Karl Rove's Opinion Request that he has submitted to yourself. I wish my opinion to be known that Super PACs should be allowed to do whatever they want, whenever they want. Heck, Super PACs should be allowed to run for President if they so desire.

Many thanks,

James Trosh



remion@verizon.net  
11/09/2011 10:37 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Karl the Rove's super pac American Crossroads

I just want to let you know I FULLY support big unregulated money (Super Pacs) be allowed to further corrupt our corrupt political system by "openly bribing" (via Super Pac) our politicians and you might as well get into the act as well, if you have not so far (haha). Vote to allow Karl to put his money anywhere and everywhere as long as a part of it goes into your bank accounts as well, that's the American way!

Richard Errion  
Clearwater, FL





Tracy Kingsley  
<disa113@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 10:52 AM

Please respond to  
Tracy Kingsley  
<disa113@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

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Subject AOR 2011-23

Please tell me this country is run by principled human beings. Don't grant this request. How can a candidate appearing in an ad reinforcing said candidate's views be anything other than coordinated? No matter the slimy, slippery arguments, just use common sense.



Micajah Truitt  
<micajah@gmail.com>  
Sent by: mtruitt@sbsar.org

11/09/2011 10:54 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Comments for AOR 2011-23

To the Federal Election Commission,

The purpose of this email is to make comments on AOR 2011-23 which was started by Karl Rove and American Crossroads.

AOR 2011-23 is asking for it to be legal for Independent Expenditure Only PACs (a.k.a Super PAC's) to be able to use their funds to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. Currently, this is not legal. The request is trying to get around the law by making advertisements about the issues that the candidates support, but still have the candidates in the advertisements. This is ridiculous, and would still violate the law.

The exact text coming from AOR 2011-23 in the request is:

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

Currently, it is not legal for these Super PAC's to coordinate with candidates and their campaign staff. The request from American Crossroads is trying to get around that by that they will feature the candidates but not coordinate directly with them.

The exact text coming from AOR 2011-23 in the request is:

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'."

The original intention of these rules was to make campaign funding transparent. This will go against this original intention. We need to improve transparency of campaign financing, not make it more opaque. Do not honor this request.

Matthew Micajah Truitt  
Voter and USA Citizen



"D.J. Wolfe"  
<dw141124@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 10:06 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Rove request: AOR2011-23

I guess no one will understand how pernicious Mr. Rove's actions are until the whole democracy thing goes over a cliff. So I guess as long as everyone is A-OK with scandalously enormous amounts of anonymous money going to candidate campaigns for office in Congress and the Presidency, then Karl's proposal is legal/permissible. I'm just one person and I don't have any real wealth. Even if I did, I don't have the desire to purchase a candidate. I don't hate Karl; I hate the fact that the system allows him or anyone else to do this.

Debra Wolfe  
Helena, Montana



<seancope@msn.com>

11/09/2011 01:45 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject Super Pac Regulation

The least you could do is prevent Super PACs from coordinating with candidates' campaigns.

Thank You!



Gary <glb303@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 01:40 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov

cc

bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth:

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow submits this letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2011, and again in a revised version on October 28, 2011 by American Crossroads, an organization led by Republican political consultant and "Mr. November" in the 2012 "Hunks of the Bush Administration" calendar, Karl Rove.

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has much in common with American Crossroads. Both are registered "independent-expenditure-only" PACs (a.k.a. "Super PACs") that may accept unlimited contributions from corporations, unions, individuals, and doomsday cults we one day hope to found. Both groups are separately affiliated with prominent 501(c)(4) organizations, Colbert Super PAC SHH and Crossroads GPS, and are strongly committed to doing what is legally possible in America. Both have top strategic thinkers at their core: American Crossroads has Karl Rove, and Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has a ham loaf wearing wire rimmed glasses.

Because of this shared bond and heritage, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow has an interest in the Request by American Crossroads.

As we understand the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request, the organization has plans to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election. As they wrote in their original Request,

"The purpose of these advertisements, while focused on current legislative and policy issues, would be to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season."

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow could not concur more concurrently. These ads would simply improve public perception of candidates in advance of the campaign. The message is not, "Vote for this great guy," it's merely, "Hey voters! Look at this great guy!"

Clearly, these ads featuring candidates on behalf of candidates would not be candidate ads. As American Crossroads put it, in their original Request,

"While these advertisements would be fully coordinated with incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012, they would presumably not qualify as 'coordinated communications,'"

Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow agrees that "fully coordinated" ads shouldn't be counted as "coordinated communications." The candidate would merely be appearing as a paid spokesperson, who, coincidentally, is closely aligned with the candidate that he or she also is.

For example, an ad in which the Kool Aid man decries our nation-wide childhood thirst problem would not necessarily be an ad for Kool Aid brand juice drink. That being said, would a tall glass of Kool-Aid solve that thirst problem? To quote one expert: "Oh, yeaahhhh!"

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<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Accordingly, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow respectfully requests the Commission's timely consideration of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request.



Francesca Gianuario  
<francescaglia@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 01:52 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

bcc

Subject Concerning Karl Rove's Request to Allow SuperPac  
Coordination with Political Campaigns

FEC,

Clearly, this is an attempt to use corporate power to influence a nation more than it already does. The people are protesting in the streets about corporate take over of government and tonight are meeting all over the nation to strategize how to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in Citizen's United.

Giving in to Karl Rove's request flies in the face of one of the few cases that have upheld the principles of fairness and equity in campaigning indicating that expenditures must be " ... made totally independently of the candidate and his campaign" in Buckley v. Valeo" . Ads with the candidate's cooperation, themes, and message are the same as coordinating with the candidate. There is no difference. To state otherwise, would as Colbert puts it: "prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations."

Please do not allow Rove to twist our laws any further than he already has.

Regards,

Francesca Gianuario, Esq.  
Gold River, California



Tara Fuhrman  
<mixie4390116@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 03:57 PM

Please respond to  
Tara Fuhrman  
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To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject AOR2011-23

As free as Super PACs are to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, they are still unfairly shackled by regulation. Notice I used the singular. That's because there is really only one rule that binds Super PACs: that they may not coordinate with candidates' campaigns. But what fun is buying somebody an election if you have no elected official to share the mement with?

Sincerely,  
Tara R. Fuhrman





Debra Gold  
<sumacstudio@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 12:59 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Your friend and mine, Karl Rove

Mr. Secretary,

Are you seriously considering Karl Rove's/American Crossroads request to sponsor advertisements featuring Members of Congress up for re-election?

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR EVER-LOVIN' MINDS? The answer to that is NO in case you need a clue.

The American people need a break here, FEC. Say no to this request, please. Your job is to protect US--WE THE PEOPLE, in case you forgot.

Thank you.



Jillian Duke  
<chicarica85@hotmail.com>  
11/09/2011 01:00 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject America Crossroads' Karl Rove

Dear FEC,

Please do not allow any more of these "Superpac" organization to find yet another way around the rules. We are suppose to be America where elections are held not purchased. How can we *in good* conscience tell other countries about democracy when we have none? This whole lack of transparency as to where these folks are acquiring their money is distressing as it stands. To concede to Karl Rove /America Crossroads would just add insult to injury.

I appreciate your time and patience.

Thank you,

Jillian J Ruiz Duke



Adam Currie  
<arcurrie@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 04:07 PM

To secretary@fec.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in to comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23). I recently became aware of this request, and feel compelled to write in to voice my opposition to Rove's take on the restriction of direct coordination with individual campaigns. His request appears to me to be a way to "get around" the restriction by omitting a few phrases regarding upcoming elections.

As "Super PAC's" enjoy the benefits of unlimited anonymous donations from individuals and groups, I feel strongly that their ads should not feature individual candidates. In the name of transparency, Rove's creative solution to the restriction should be curtly rejected.

Thank you for your time,

Adam R Currie



**Michele Scrimenti**  
<mvs scrimenti@gmail.com>  
Sent by:  
thevorama@gmail.com

To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

bcc

11/09/2011 04:04 PM

Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary,

I'm writing to voice my public support for Karl Rove's Super PAC motion (AOR 2011-23). Since the Supreme Court says money is free speech, and Karl Rove can raise a ton of money, then he definitely deserves to have way more free speech than I do.

Thank you,

Michele Scrimenti



Audrey Evans  
<audreyevans9@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 04:03 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

cc

bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

Hello,

I would like to add that Carl Rove is trully out for number one.

Audrey Evans



Ann Gordon  
<ann.o.gordon@gmail.com>  
11/09/2011 05:04 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject AOR 2011 - 2023

I want to support Carl Rove's super pac scheme.

from, Ann Gordon a supporter of Cobert's Super PAC



Andrew Bouvier-Brown  
<cuthman99@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 04:57 PM

Please respond to  
Andrew Bouvier-Brown  
<cuthman99@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request AOR  
2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth:

I cannot honestly recall ever having submitted public comment on a regulatory or legislative matter on any issue before this. I am writing to urge you to consider the potentially disastrous and certainly ridiculous consequences of allowing candidates to appear in "non-coordinated communication" advertisements funded by so-called "SuperPACs." Mr. Rove and the American Crossroads organization seek your permission, and indeed your direct assistance, in contorting one of the last shreds of basic logic left in our political system into a pretzel-- and then devouring it whole. The idea that a candidate up for election can appear in a SuperPAC "issue" advertisement in the lead-up to an election, when the 'issue' is to "to improve the public's perception of the featured Member of Congress in advance of the 2012 campaign season," is simply indecent. I, for one, can hardly stomach the thought. I hope that you will find that, at the bottom of all the semantic charlatanism, there is in fact a point at which a spade is a spade or, to mix metaphors, find that an advertisement which walks like a duck and quacks like a duck can really only be called a duck.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bouvier-Brown

Los Angeles, CA



Douglas Milani  
<dgmilani8231992@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 04:38 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Karl Rove's Clarification

Any ad that involves a candidate in it that is funded by a super pac is collaboration. His request is not legal and neither is the recent democratic issue ad involving a Nebraska Senator.





RYAN MALONEY  
<ryanmasu11@msn.com>  
11/09/2011 04:24 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: AOR 2011-23

To whom it may concern:

Super Pac's allow independent entities to give unlimited funds to support a candidate's message, with the hope of fortifying his or her campaign. However, the single tenet of a Super Pac is that they are forbidden to coordinate with the candidate. Karl Rove's attempt to abolish this rule, or at the very least find a way to despicably circumnavigate it's constructs, will degrade the very fabric of the Super Pac and simply align a candidate with unlimited funds. The very sanctity of politics hangs in the balance. Elections will no longer be the evaluation of an individual's character and experience, but rather, their ability; more specifically, their Super Pac's ability to craft advertisements that inundate the general voter. Super Pac's already represent an extreme form of political warfare, as messages are crafted with radical viewpoints of opponents that are meant to simply tarnish the respected reputation he or she has fought to establish. To align this radical form of politics with the candidate would be deleterious to the political system and foster a culture intertwined with divisive and aggressive language with the hope of polarizing the bases. Limiting the funds available to candidates by preventing any cooperation between a Super Pac and a specific politician will preserve what's left of an already tarnished political system.

Kindly, Ryan Maloney